

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An elevator drive unit including a traction sheave supported by a shaft rotatably supported by a pair of bearings. Mounted on opposite free ends of the shaft are rotors of a pair of electric motors. Cage-housings on a pair of spaced bearing end-plates retain the  
5 stators of the motors. A plurality of frequency converters operating in a master/slave mode to supply electrical power to the motors.

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